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REMARKS

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25X1 1. 70 KVP personnel, allegedly a rear detail, at the former Plant No II of ROW in Rathenow. The other personnel previously stationed at the installation had allegedly left for exercises. 25X125X1 2. VP units had bivouaced in the wooded area between Schollehne and Steckelsdorf, west of Rathenow since 26 September. Camouflaged trucks and guns were seen near the tent camp. Most of the tents were set up near the road to Ebelguende. 25X125X1 3. Between 18 and 29 October, the KVP installation in Rathenow only quartered a guard detail of 30 men who wore crimson epaulets. No officers were seen. they had arrived from Hohenstuecken near Brandenburg about three weeks before and that they had relieved guard personnel that had returned to Eggesin.25X1 Comment. Prior to April/May 1953, the KVP installation in Rathenow had quartered elements of a mechanized regiment from Eggesin. It is believed that the installation now quarters an artillery unit which probably belongs to Mechanized Bereitschaft Potsdam.CLASSIFICATION ~~SECRET~~